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Our Case No. 9281-4276  
Client Reference No. J US00144

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Tomokuni Wauke )  
Serial No. To be Assigned )  
Filing Date: Herewith )  
For Thin and Lightweight Inner Rotor Motor )  
and Disk Unit Using the Same )

*F. J. Hoffmann & Sons  
3-20-02*

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please rewrite Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) An inner rotor motor comprising:

a rotor having plural magnetic poles disposed in a circumferential shape; and

a stator including a stator core having plural magnetic pole teeth that are outside a circumference of the rotor and face the rotor, a coil being wound around each of the magnetic pole teeth,

wherein the magnetic pole teeth are set so that a value of at least one of angles each formed by extensions of adjacent magnetic pole teeth is smaller than an angle formed by lines each connecting a tip center of one of adjacent magnetic pole teeth and a rotation center of the rotor.